DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT TOPICS. SPEECHES BY VISITORS AND RESIDENTS.

A CALL ON PRESIDENT GRANT.

His Cordial Welcome to the Belegates-Bospitalities Extended by Ex-Gov. Shepherd-General Sight-Secing.

in pursuance of adjournment the Department Superintendence of the National Education Association met yesterday at 11 o'clock, at Willard's hall. Previous to the meeting the delegates called on the United States Commissioner of Education, General John Eaton, at his office, where they were individually introduced, after which they proceeded to the hall. The president, J. O. Wilson, called them to order, and Rev. Dr. Rankin invoked divine blessing.

Although of Welcome,
Mr. Wilros made the following address of wel-

Gentlemen of the Department of Superintend-Gentlemen of the Department of Superintend-ence: We have assembled parsuant to adjourn-ment of this department made at the meeting held in Assust last at Detroit, and it is my priv-liege, in behalf of this city, to bid you a hearty welcome. The United States Commissioner of Education and the officers of this department, who were authorized to make the arrangements for this meeting, found it impracticable to pre-pare in advance a full and exact programme for your procedure, and is the circular lotter recently pare in advance a full and exact programme for year procedure, and is the circular fotter recoming addressed to you they have only favited your attention to some of the important topics that will be presented for your consideration.

At no time since the foundation of the National Government has the subject of education, especially when regarded as a part of our public policy, demanded more carnest thought, careful discussion, and resolute action than it now does. It is a time of sharp, bold, sometimes reckless inquiry, that has little respect for venerable precedent and the time whereof the memory of man It is a time of sharp, respect for venerable pre-cession and the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. It is claimed here and there, by those who are casting about to find a renpe goat on which to load all the evil of the day, that the public schools are failing to accom-plish their professed mission; that they are aliensting youth from the honest toil and thrift of the fathers, sending them from the rural dis-tricts, where

"As she fled mankind," There justice left her last lone trace behind, and gathering them into the cities and larger two st, oten to become the prey of recklessness, extravegance and dissipation; that they falled in preperly interweaving spiritual with secular intruction, ar that the moral instruction that imparted infringes upon the prerogatives of

THE PANILY OR CHURCH: that they are undermining the physical consittu-tions of the children committed to their care, and are sowing the seeds of weakness, disease and deformity; that they are undertaking too much when they pass beyond the boundaries of the rudthents of knowledge and enter upon the work of the high school, the college and the university. Greasionally it is even asserted that our National Bureau of Education is not needed by the State and leval clucational organizations, or, on the other hand, that it is, with its limit i functions and scartly appropriations, a dangerous centralizing anty appropriations, a dangerous centralizing This apparently unfriendly agitation and discussion should not in the least dishearten the friends of the common schools, for it is evident to the most superficial observer that the country

PROGRAMMS OF BUSINESS. General Eston moved that, in consequence of the absence of the secretary, Mr. Brown, of In-discapolis, be elected secretary pro tem. Agreed

General Eaton moved that a committee of General Eaton moved that a committee of three he appointed to prepare a programme of husiness. Adopted, and the chair appointed General Eaton, Mesers. Wickersham, of rennylvanta, and Abernesthy, of lowa, as 'he committee. The committee reported the programme as published in yesterday's National Karrunican. General Eaton moved that all present interested in education be allowed to pasticipate in the proceedings of the association. Adopted. A motion was made and adopted that the department call on the Frendent of the United States in a body.

LEGAL PREVENTION OF ILLITERANCY. Hon. B. G. Northrop, secretary of the State Board of Education of Connecticut, was intro-duced as the first speaker, his subject being "Legal Prevention of Illiterancy." He began his remarks by referring to the following law of Connecticut concerning the schooling of children, passed by the Legislature in 1869, and revised in 1872.

'All parents, and those who have the care of children, shall bring them up in some honest and sawful calling or employment, and shall instruct them or cause them to be instructed in reading, them or cause them to be instructed in reading, writing, English grammar, geography and arithmetic. And every parent, guardian, or other person having control and charge of any child between the area of eight and folirleen years shall gause such cuild to attend some public or private day school at least three months in each year, six weeks at least of which attendance shall be conscautive; or to be instructed at home at least three months in each year in the branches of clucation required to be taught in the public schools, unless the physical or mental condition of the child is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable."

The penalty for the violation of the above providens is a fine of twe dollars "for every week, not exceeding thirteen weeks in any one year, during which any parent or guardian shall have failed to comply therewith." The schools of thouse their are tree to all. No child under fourteen years of age can be lawfully employed to labor in any business whatever, unless such child shall have attended some school at least three months in each year of such service. The penalty for the violation of this law is one hundred dollars for each offence.

The aid of the manufacturers was obtained, and English grammar, geography and arith

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was strongly favored by the Labor Union. Eiu-cation should be entwern, compulsory and na-tional. He closed his remarks by realing statis-tic showing the success of education in England, where it was compulsory, and charged that ob-ligatory education promoted the growth of liberty. Numerous questions were asked Mr. Northrop, and in response he said the leading manufacturers throughout the State had cor-dially sustained the law, and even volunteered to eign the following pledge: "We hereby agree that we will employ no children under fourteen years of age, except those who are provided with a certificate from the local school officers of actual attendance at school the full term re-quired by law."

metual attendance at school the lust term re-quired by law."

The law applied not only to manufacturers, but to merchants, mechanics, farmers and all employ-ers of children. School visitors were required by law to inquire into the causes and extent of non-attendance; they were requested to communicate to the secretary of the board any facts they might to the secretary of the board any facts they might learn as to reglect in the schooling of children. The law was most beneficent in its aim and re-sults. Furing the three years of its operation it has met general and cordial approval and brought large numbers into the schools.

AN INDOSEMENT.

Mr. John D. Philbrick, of Rieston, made a few remarks strongly indorsing the address made by Mr. Northrop, and claimed compulsion was the circumbt about. e brought about. Gen. Eaton gave notice that the president would be pleased to receive the department between the hours of 12 and 1 o clock.

OFFICERD TO COLPULATOR. OFFORM TO 007-FULBION.

Prof. M. A. Newell, of Md., opposed compulsory education, but if the law was to be carried out by conciliation, pursuasion and argument he would favor it. He doubted whether all the benefits derived were to be attributed to this law. He thought that compulsory education had been given up, and by the remarks mude as to the manner in which Councelledt and Massachusetts carry out the law he would infer that compulsory education was not a success. gory education was not a success.

Mr. G. J. Luckey, of Pittsburg, addressed the denartment; taking strong grounds against computery education.

HOSPITALITIES EXTENDED he secretary rend a letter from ex-Gov. Shep-d inviling the department to his residence on irreday evening. Accepted. was resolved to call on the Socretary of the at was resolved to the societary of the interior Thursday morning.
The department then took a recess and proceeds to the Executive Mansion, where they core received by President Grant in his private

Mr. J. O. Wilson introduced the delegates to e President, after which he made the followthe resident, after which he made the follow-ing address:
"Mr. President, the members of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association, now in session in this city, have called to pay their respects to you, and to say that they highly appreciate the deep interest you feel in education, to which you have given such emphatic expression in your messages to Congress."

RESPONSE OF PRESIDENT GRANT.

The President responded as follows:

"I feel that the advancement of the cause of education would be one of the best reconstructive movements we could have in the country, and therefore I have felt, in addition to other reasons, a deep interest in it. I do not see how a pure Republic is to be maintained unless it is based on the intelligence of the polysic. That requires educational privileges for the masses. Without a combined interest and office in every section of the country for the support of clucational facilities it will be impossible to obtain the results which we most desire in this respect. In order that there may be a combination and harmony of interest in this matter I have always been ready and analous to give my support to any means for this end and purpose."

SIGHT-SEEING, The visitors pert proceeded to look around the mansion, after which they went to the Corcoran Art Gallery, where they were received by Dr. W. MucLeod, curate, and F. S. Berbarin, assistant curate, and showed the many works of art in the building. After spending some time art in the building. After spending some time at the Gal-lary the line was again formed, and a visit was made to the Jeduren school building, where Professor Walter Smith, State director of educa-

tion of Ms. sachusetts, delivered an address to the teachers of the District on the subject of "Drawing in subject Schools." WHO WERR PRESENT

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J. H. Brooks, H. S. Tarbell, superintendent, East Saginaw, Nichigan; Mr. E. F. Patteron, Superintendent, Pottsville, Pennsylvania, Alexander C. Hopkirs, superintendent public instruction, Indiana; Richard L. Carne, superintendent, Pottsville, Pennsylvania; Mr. E. F. Patteron, Indiana; Richard L. Carne, superintendent, Pattsburg, Pennsylvania; William L. Dickinsen, superintendent, Pennsylvania; William L. Dickinsen, superintendent, Fittsburg, Pennsylvania; William L. Dickinsen, superintendent, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; B. G. Northrop, State superintendent, Youngstown, Oblo; J. P. Wickersham, State superintendent of Pennsylvania; Wm. R. Creery, superintendent, Isattimore, Md.; M. A. Neweil, State superintendent of Iowa; Mr. O. A. Burgess, president of Northwestern Christian University, Indianapolis, Indiana; A. Hart, member board school trustees, Washington, D. C.; Henry Johnson, challman suboard colored schools, Washington, D. C.; Fred. H. Glinn, Boston, Massachusetts; Goodwin Y. Attee, member Board School Trustees, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. A. Harrold, Washington, D. C.; Mr. A. E. Newton, Tormerly superintendent of colored schools, Washington, D. C.; Fred. H. Glinn, Boston, Massachusetts; Goodwin Y. Attee, member Board School Trustees, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Peter Parker, D. D.; Mr. J. Dennison, president of Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas; Mr. W. S. Chase, Washington; Mr. W. R. Woodward, member Board Schools Trustees, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. G. Betler, chaplain United States House of Representatives; Mr. J. P. Tustin, Washington, D. C.; Evening Session.

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Evening Session. The evening session was more largely attended than in the morning, and among those present

were several ladies.

At the meraling session were Prof. A. P. Mar ole, of Worcester, Mass.; Adolf Cluss, Dr. C. C. Cox, D. W. Bliss, E. Champlin, Bernard T. Jan-ney, Dr. Wm. Tindall, J. K. Jilleen, State Supertendent of South Oscolina; B. F. Lloyd, John Thompson, Superintendent G. F. Cook, John Wilson, Dr. L. H. Steiner and O. A. Burgess. Superintendent Wilson called the department to order, and introduced Dr. A. N. Bell, editor of the Sanitarian of New York. He read a paper on "Brain Culture in Relation to the School

room. He claimed that the culture of the brain de-pended upon the manner of infantile growth, and continued at some length explaining the relation of the body with the brain. He spoke parties-lariy of the necessity of satiscient ventitation in school-rooms, in order that the health of the pupils might be preserved. In crowded and un-ventilated schools great injury follows. Most of the anxieties of life come from the want of strong brain; with it the owner will go in the strong road to presperity. prosperity. He called attention to the recent action of the

The called attention to the recent sector of the Rhode Island Legislature, when a resolution was adouted by that body making provision for the heath of pupils in the schools. He closed by urging teachers, trustees and superintendents to be particular about the bealth of pupils, and to do all in their power to promote the same. APPROVALS OF THE PAPER.

Dr. C. C. Cox was invited to address the department, and he expressed his gralification at the success of the occasion. He paid glowing tributes to Br. Hell, and claimed that he had given important information. He was impressed with the tact that the sound arguments produced by Br. Bell would be appreciated.

Gen. Eaten said there was a difference between the country and the city schools, and those who had attended them noticed (the bygienic difference. In the cities, where large sums had been expended for buildings, &c., in a great measure the health of the pupils should be the first consideration in building school-houses. Educator's should begin to see the necessity by adopting methods for surrounding the school-rooms with health. As matters now are they are indifferent to this important subject. He hoped it would receive organized action, and that the educators would take hold and bring it into a shape that would be beneficial.

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Br. L. H. Steiner, of Maryland, indorsed the views expressed by Dr. Bell. He thourst the necessity of health should be instilled in the pupils, and by them to the parents.

Br. Bell made some further brief remarks on the subject of the health of pupils.

Mr. Wiekersham, of Pennsylvania, said the proper ventilation of schools had been a subject under consideration for some time. The ignorance of not being able to ventilate the senois does not lie at the doors of the poor schoolmaster. Scientific men have failed on this subject, and is seems that no one knows how to properly ventilate a school-room. He believed that much of the lil health of pupils was attributable to home influences.

VIEWS OF MR. BURGESS. Mr. O. A. Hurgess, of Indians, opposed the mode adopted for sitting pupils by eramping them in unproportioned chairs too high for them, so their feet would not touch the floor, and if the pupil moved he was punished. He favored giving the pupil all the liberty and recreation possible, as it was as important as ventilation. Give the children plenty of exercise, and their health would be preserved. The teacher must be a person of quick discornment, and when it is seen that a pupil needs exercise let him have it. No person is fit to teach who has not studied the main question of health.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Luckey, of Pittsburg, moved that the subject be referred to a committee of three, to report Thorsday. Adopted.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Luckey, Hopkins and Marble as the committee.

On motion of Mr. Wickersham, a vote of thanks was avended to Dr. Hell for his pile paper. was extended to Dr. Hell for his able paper.

Mr. Wickersham moved that a committee of seven be appointed to consider the topic of Hon. W. H. Runner. State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Virginia, entitled "some points respecting the proper relations of the Federal Government to education."

Messrs. Ruffner, Wickersham, Jillson, Philbrick, Abernathy, Hopkins and Winthrop were accommended.

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The Chair appointed Messrs, Jillson, Marble and McMillan a committee on resolutions.
The department adjourned till 11 a. m. Thursday, when a paper will be read by Mr. Wickersham.

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court of the United States. WEDNESDAY, January 27, 1873.
On motion of Mr. A. G. Riddie, Granville Bar ere, esq., of Canton, Illinois, Edward Theodore Startlett, ero., of New York city, and John Guthrie, esq., of Topeka, Kausas, were admitted

to practice as attorneys and counselors of thi On medion of Mr. W. F. Mattingly, James Hickey, erq. of New York day, was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this

Hickey, erg., er New York e.l.y, was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor of this court.

No. 151. Edward Fox. executor. &c., plaintiff in error, vs. Jos. H. Seal et al., trustees, &c. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. J. W. Kirker, of counsel for the plaintiff in error, and by Mr. Hill Burgwin, for the defeadant in error, and concluded by Mr. J. W. Kirker, for the plaintiff in error.

No. 153. Chaz. Weile, appellant vs. The United States. Dismissed under the 16th rule.

No. 154. Bavid Dows et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. The Wisconsin Marine and Fire Insurance Company. Passed.

No. 155. Duff and Benjamin E. Green, pluinitifs in error, vs. Wm. Bayns et al., use, &c. Dismissed under sixteenth rule.

No. 150. Zachariah A. Marrow et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Richard B. Hill et al. This cause was submitted on printed arguments by Mr. J. C. Robinson and Mr. Phillips, of counsel for the plaintiffs in error, and by Mr. Wm. M. Morrick, for the defendants in error.

No. 156. Daniel Garrison, plaintiff in error, vs. The Mayor, &c., of New York city. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. Geo. T. Curtis, of counsel for the plaintiff in error.

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Alabama Claims. No. 242. C. D. C. Rhind, except, vs. United States. Un the suggestion of the court, the counsel for the United States withdrew the demurrer, reserving all questions until the case shall again come up for trial on the facts. The demurrer is to the effect that the parry for whom the claim is made (now dead) did not at all times during the late rebellion bear true allerings to the II-like.

made (now dead) did not at all times during the late robellion bear true allegiance to the United States, and, notwithstanding his pardon, his claim is not sedmissible. Hom. Reverdy Johnson will to-day deliver an argument in favor of respening the case of Hooper vs. United States, No. 5. General Term-Supreme Court.

All the justices sat in General Term yesterday,

All the justices sat in General Term yesterday, and were engaged as follows:

M. J. Mullens and Richard Trunnel filed applications for appointment as constables.

Ford & Bro. vs. Cornish. This case was argued by Mr. Daniels and F. Miller and submitted.

Farmers & Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown vs. Hill. Becree affirmed.

United States in the relation of Catharine Harriss vs. the Commissioner of Pensions. This is an ris vs. the Commissioner of Pensions. This is an application for a mandamus to compel the payment of a suspended pension. It was argued and Adjourned.

Police Court-Judge Snell. In this court, Henry Lewis, charged with larceny of a coat from a small boy, was fined \$10. Russell Johnson, with assault and battery on Lewis Cook, \$20 and costs. Linsey Wallace and Frank Turner, with larceny of some boots and shoes—an aggravated cest—elx months each in jail. George Scott, assault and battery, \$6. Jas. shoes—an aggravated case—six months each is juil. George Scott, assault and battery, \$6. Jas. O'Neal, willful window-smashing in house 1002 Pennsylvania arenue, \$10. George Moore plead quilty to cursing, and paid \$3. Francis Gunnell and Thomas Moore, profane and boisterous, \$5 and cests. Mary Johnson, vagrant and prostitute, workhouse. Jason Case, Arthur Ashton and John Adams, vagrancy, sent down. John Nerment and George Field, burglary, and larceny of some hams, cigars and tobacco from store of Reuben B. Chark, in South Washington, grand jury. Miss Rand was held in \$100 bond on a charge of having received a portion of the above stolen goods. At 1 o'clock, the conspiracy case mentiored in Thire Republicans was called. Robert W. Waiters, Gay H. Thompson, Thomas J. Lagouby, Samuel T. Luckett, J. I. Willmarth and George B. Coburn, being charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States Treasury, by obtaining payment upon a fraudulent pay-roll, answered to their names, and a pies of "not guilty" entered for his defence jointly, Gen. Crittenden for Willmarth, Mr. Miller for Walters, and John C. Fay for Coburn; Assistant Bustrict Attorney Evans and Gen. Terry for the presecution. Mr. Coburn entered a noile prosequi in the case of George B. Coburn, one of the accused. Gen. Terry stated that while there appeared at first, some circumstances which connected Mr. Coburn with the case, on further examination there was not sufficient evidence to institute prosecution. Mr. Coburn was discharged. Several witnesses were examined for the prosecution, and at 2.20 o'clock the court adjourned the case till te-morrow at 1 o'clock.

The Grasshopper Sufferers.

It is currently reported that one of our literary clubs is making arrangements for a varied ep-tertainment, next Menday night, for the beneft of these unfortunate people. A very attractive programme is being prepared, and the occasion offers an enjoyable and profitable evening's en-tertainment and the opportunity to aid a most worthy charity. The efforts of certain Western papers and public men to contradict the pub-lished statements of the terrible condition of these suffering people are sileged to be distanted by iens that those districts may suffer a falling off in emigration by the satelleation of the facts. It is to be hoped this charity will be well patron field. clubs is making arrangements for a varied en

GENERAL NEWS OF THE CITY

TRIAL OF THE DISTRICT FORGERS.

MEETING OF THE HUMARE ASSOCIATION.

THEIR WORK DURING THE PAST YEAR. NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS SUGGESTED.

A Chapter of Accidents on Missour Avenue-There Was no Man Under the Bed-Prompt Action of the Police-Miscellaneous Paragraphs.

In the Middle States and lower lake region In the Middle States and lower lake region cloudy and rabuy weather, except partly as snow over the northern and eastern portions, but gradually extending eastward during the afterndon and night; rising borometer, north and northwest winds, lailing temperature and clearing weather. The following was the range of the thermometer at Hempher's yesterday; 8 a. m., 30°; 10 a. m., 20°; 12 m., 40°; 2 p. m., 40°; 6 p. m., 40°; 8 p. m., 42°.

For market report see third page.

For market report see third page. Use Pattersen & Jones' Trophy tomatoes Choice fruits-Malaga Fruit Co., 408 9th st. Auxisina Circle of Druids of this city left for Baltimore yesterday afternoon, to pay a fraternal visit to Baltimore Circle of the Order. Orders have been issued for the laying of a twelve-lach pipe newer on the east side of Twelfth street, between N and O streets northweet. Patents for improvements were issued yester-day to Washingtonians as fellows: Montgomery C. Meigs, lene attachment for gas burners; James M. Mason, litting jacks.

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The annual report of the Metropolitan Middlings Furifying Company was filed Tuesday. It shows a capital stock of \$250,000, of which \$128,150 has been paid up, with debts amounting to \$1,000. The Georgetown Building and Land Improvement Company have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Frederick L. Moore, president; John T. Mitchell, vice president; Thomas Knowles, treasurer; Henry W. Harrett, secretary.

The annual ball of the Plate Printers' Union The annual ball of the Piate Printers' Union will be held Wednesday evening, February 2, at the Masonic Temple. Judging by the arrangements being made the occasion will be very enjoyable, as no pairs will be spared to afford all a plearant evening.

The most institious tastes can be suited in boots, shors, guiters or slippers of all the approved manufactures at Davis', cereor of Twellin and F streets, at ten per cent, off the lowest cash prices. Charming goods for ladies. Children's shocs in endiess variety.

prices. Charming goods for ladies. Children's shoes in endiess variety. An alarm was turned in from box 58, about 5:30 An alarm was terned in from oox os, about 5:30 o'clock pesterday silormoon, caused by fire being discovered in the house No. 913 K street northwest, owned by Charles Richardson and secupled by George Mitchell. It originated from the stove, and was extinguished after doing \$100 owners.

damage.

B. H. Warner, real estate broker and auctioner, sold yesterday afternoon at auction for Messrs.

Wm. F. Mattingly and Chas. E. Prentiss, trustees, lots 63, 52, 50, 61 and 62 in Wm. A. Gordon's sub-division of lots C to L of source 182, improved by five two story frame dwellings, to Christain Huppert at an aggregate of \$3,000.

The decision of Indus Humphreys in references Huppert at an aggregate of \$0.000. The decision of Judge Humbners in reference to confirming the sale of the First National Bank building, walch took place some time since at section, for \$72.000, has been postponed until February 4, in order to give the creditors or shareholders of the bank an opportunity to be heard upon the subject of the sale if they so desire.

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Heber Teni, No. 19, L. O. R., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: B. C. Caldwell, Shepherd; R. Emmert Smith, C. R.; G. Sheemsker, D. R.; C. A. Littlejohn, K. Socciary: Geo. Lucas, F. Sceretary; Richard Berry, Levite: H. H. B. Howes, Treasurer: W. H. Marlott, I. G.; O. Matringly, O. G.; H. Hudsen, Chaplain.

nevite: H. H. B. Howes, Treasurer: W. H. Marriott, I. G.; O. Mattingly, O. G.; H. Hudsen, Chaplain.

Messrs. Duncanson Bros., anciloneers, sold yesterdsy aitornoon by order of J. L. Johnson and B. Lewis Bisekford, trustees, part of lot No. 9, in square 361, fronting sixteen feet and three quarter inches on Q street, between First and Third streets west, with the improvements, to Z. Downing for 360. Also, the adjoining lot for fifteen cents per source foot to same nurchaser. nts per square foot to same purchaser The annual election of officers of the I. O. O. F.
Library Association of East Washington took
place on the 26th instant, resulting in the selection of Mr. Wm. Bright, president; Mrs. M. E.
Shoemaker, vice president; Wm. P. Allan, secretary, and John Long, treasurer. The association
has about 400 volumes, which they expect to incrosse to 1,000 the present year by contributions
and porchase.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

Equality Before the Law-Protection to Person, Property and Life, Regardless of Color, Race, Nativity or Previous Condition. The following correspondence was held yester-

day in this city: WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27, 1875.
To Hon. Frederick Douglass.
Sim: In view of the possible failure of Congress Sin: In view of the possible failure of Congress from any cause to furnish the necessary legisa-tion for the protection of life and property in the Southern States at its present session, it has been suggested that a meeting of colored representa-tive men now in Washington, and especially of those from the Southern States, be held at an early day, with a view to confer as to the proper course to pursue in such a contingency. Your nce and views are solicited

Respectfully, yours, W. Ginns, of Arkansas, PHILIP JOSEPH, Alabama. J. A. EMERSON, Arkansas. G. W. PRICE, North Carolina REPLY OF MR. PREDERICE DOUGLASS.

REFLY OF MR. FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

Messrs. Gibbs, Joseph, Emerson and others.
GENTLEMEN: In acknowledging your note of the 27th, I beg to state that such a meeting as you propose is eminently proper. No effort should be spared just now, especially on the part of colored men, to secure, practically, the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and which are due them by the common law. The question of existence or extermination depends upon right action now. If the Government will arm the President with the means for our protection, we shall live. If, on the other hand, our friends falter, and leave our enemies to Think that we are descrited, there is no telling where the process of murder and areassimation will end.

Respectfully yours, FREDERICK DOUGLASS. CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS. A Slight Breeze on Missouri Avenue. The placed tranquillity of Missouri avenue has ever been so ruffled since the time when Mr. Curtis dragged his mother through the street by the hair, on account of some slight difference conthe hair, on account of some elight difference concerning the proper manner of cooking a chicken, as it was on Tuesday night. A lady who may be called Miss Flite, in order to preserve identity, was combing out a false curl, and occasionally carcesing a little bunch of froway hair that was lett on top of her head, when she beard a noise under the brd and fancied that she saw a man's form. She ran out into the hall, screaming "Murder!" and imploring some person to come and save her. No one compiled with her wishes, but enother lady came out into the hall and struck up a partnership with her in the pow-wow business. They took turns at screaming and throwing themselves into each other's arms. When Miss Flite had sufficiently recovered her breath, she exclaimed, "The man! The man with boots on under my bed?"

The two started back to Miss Flite's room, and siter a quick look under the bed, resulting in teeing a face, which, in their imagination, was bloated and vallations, they went out into the hall and set up a fresh bowling.

The colored man who is employed about the house to do the marketing and look usiy when picture agents call, appeared upon the scene then, and was sent up stairs with a candle to hrut out the marander.

A young lawyer, who happened to be passing

then, and was sent up stairs with a candle to hrut out the marsuder.

A young iawyer, who happened to be passing at that time, heard the noise and gallantly hast-ened to the rescue with his young and hopeful bosem thrilling with chivalric enthusism, and was also detailed to skirmish about up sairs after the villain. He stumbled through several rooms kicking over the furniture and seattering the contents of the wardrobes, and stepped out into the hall again just in time to meet a stal-wart colored man with an extinguished candle in his hand, which in the imperiest light, he mis-took for a pistol. ook for a pistol.

The legal man let himself out down the stairs

The legal man let himself out down the stairs at five steps to the straiddle, and rushed by the ladies yelling for some one to be kind enough to furnish him with a club. The colored man came ratiling down close behind him shouting "Stop thief! step thief! there goes the pusilanimons cuss." The two ladies skipped out after the colored man, and the whole four strung along towards Four-and-a-half street. At the corner the ladies overtook the colored man, who had the lawyer turned down over a carriage step and was making efforts to disfigure his countenance. The lawyer called upon the crowd to arrest the black villain, but the crowd was not at all obliging.

As soon as Miss Filte comprehended the case she made explanations that set everything right, except the lawyer's nose, which had been worked two degrees to the starboard of its natural locality. The crowd then returned to the house. Seven of the biggest and most vigorous men were so-lected to secure the wreteb, who was supposed to be still loafing in the nighborhood of Miss Filte's bed. Seven pairs of knees felt weak as they assended the stairs armed with fence pickets, coal.

bed. Seven pairs of knees felt weak as they ascended the stairs, armed with fence pickets, coalscuttles and such other weapons as the immediate
vicinity furnished.

The committee blockaded the bed, and the
leader called out to the person or persons concealed under it to dig out in the name of the agonized people of Missouri avenue. As no one dug
out, the leader peeped under and discovered a
little foot, which he selzed and drawged out. The
foot proved to be long to a little child.

Farther investigation produced more childron,
and the committee marched down stairs dragging
their little captives after them in triumph, and
all was quiet again on the Missourt. The only
other incidents of the occurrence are, that Mr.
Marvilles who hearlis near that locality, got it all was quiet again on the Missourk. The only other incidents of the occurrence are, that Mr. McTilley, who boards near that locality, got it into his hend semehow or other that there was a fire, and spent an hour and a half trying to pry open an siarm box with a brick, and that three policemen called around some time after the avenue had rubsided to see whether they could be of any service, but the family didn't know of anything they had for them to do unless they were willing to help the colored man to showel in a load of coal, but they declined and withdrew. The affair will live for some time yet in the memory of a lawyer, who is roaming around the city with a kink in his nose, and several little children who wonder when they will be able to sit down with as much freedom as they use to.

Auction Sales To-day.

By Latimer & Cleary:
At 10 o'clock, at No. 513 F street northwest, au excellent assortment of household furniture.
At 7:50 o'clock, at 1113 Pennsylvania avenue, fine oil paintings from the Philadelphia Art Gallery, foreign and American.

By B. H. Warner:

At 4 o'clock, a desirable farm, containing fifty acres, beautiful dwelling and the necessary out-building, on the Nariboro' road, within a mile and a kair or Unioutown.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Creditors Clamoring at the Boors of Congress. The following document will be read with avidity by all who are interested in District

offsirs The memorial of certain creditors of the District of Columbia, praying Congress for equity and justice, the necessity for which has arisen out of the legislation of Congress. Introduced referred to the Committee on the District o

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To the Homorable the Senots and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:
Your memorialists respectfully represent that they are creditors of the District of Columbia; that for work done and materials turnished in connection with the public improvements in said District they received certain evidences of indebtedness, which, by the terms under which said work was done and said materials furnished, were to be paid in cash; that Congress, is its discretion, intervened by an investigation, and, as the result thereof, enacted a law requiring such evidences of indebtedness to be subjected to a re-examination and audit by a board odly onstituted for that purpose, and provided further that all evidences of indebtedness approved by said board of audit might, at the option of the holder, be converted into a bond bearing interest at the rate of 3.65 per cent. per annum; that in obedience to said requirement of Congress your memorialists have submitted their evidences of indebtedness for re-examination, and the said board of audit have established the integrity of the same, and issued their certificates, in due form, attesting the amounts found due respectively.

Your memorialists further represent that they are now confronted with, and serfonsly embarrassed by, the same handships that beast them at the outset of the legislative longuiry; that while not actually compelied by the terms of the statute to accept said bonds in payment of their claims, they still have no other recourse except by the tedious process of sait against the said District of Columbia to recover the amounts certified by said Board of Audit to be found due; that owing to the low rate of interest and other sauses, the said bonds, authorized by Congress, possess a value in the market of only about girty-eight and a half cents on the dollar; that our necessities compel us to seek an early realination upon the assets of this character now held by us, and that at prevailing prices, or at any pric this character now held by us, and that at prevailing prices, or at any price likely to proval for some time to come, your memorialists will be subjected to ruinous sacrifices, which neither equity nor justice require that they should bear, and which, as they believe, Congress never intended that they should bear.

Your memorialists further represent that the guarantee of said bond is imperied, and that as a consequence investors from the centres of capital decline to invest in or to make loans upon the same, and they trust your honorable bodies will promptly remedy the defect, which is now simply a cause for the still further depreciation of said bonds.

bonds.
Your memorialists further represent that they Your memorialists further represent that they are advised by competent legal authority that the certificates of the board of audit now held by them are a valid claim against the District of Columbia for the face thereof, with interest thereon, and that there is no sufficient defence on the part of the District against the same; but your memorialists are averse to this remedy so long as they believe simple justice can be obtained at the hands of your honorable bodies. Your memorialists further represent that they are advised by competent legal authority that, in addition to other disastrous results of the nonfulfillment by the District of Columbia of its obligations with respect to the full payment of said evidences of indebtedness, which failure is directly the result of the recent legislation in regard thereto by Congress, that all obligations of contracts guszanteeing the care and preservation of public improvements for a term of years are void and of no effect, and that the said District will be subjected to heavy lesses in conservations thereof, which would be avoided if said

are void and of no effect, and that the said Dis-trict will be subjected to heavy lesses in conse-quence thereof, which would be avoided if said District was placed in a competent position to en-force the said obligation.

Your memorialists therefore earnestly request that your honorable bodies will consider this their petition without delay, and they pray that the rate of interest on said bonds be raised to four per cent. In coin, that the same be made payable at the Treasury of the United States, and that the defect in the guarantee of the same be rome-died by making the pledge of faith assured and complete.

And your memorialists pledge for themselves

complete.

And your memorialists piedge for themselves that if this be done, or other sufficient rolled granted, they will promptly convert their evidences of indebtcdness into said bonds, and accept the same as in full payment thereof.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.
WASHINTOND, D. C., Dec. 10, 1574,
TAYLOR & FILDERT.
BRENNAN & HENCOM HRENNAN & HUTTON.
PAOE, KIDDER & FLETCHER,
'alisade Chemical Works, 10 Warren street,
New York.
JOHN G. MOORE & Co.,
Creesoting Works, 96 Wall street, New York.

Creosoting Works, 96 W MARTIN F. REESS. FINNEGAN & NESDALL. P. CROWLEY & CO.
O. O'HAFE.
H. L. CRANFORD.
ALBERT GLEARON.
W. C. MERDOCK.
GALLAHER, LOANE & CO.
JOHN S. HALDWIN.
J. V. W. VANDENBURG.
BALLARD PAVENENT CO.,
111 Broadway, New York.

WASHINGTON WOOD-PRESERVING WORKS, C. E. KAY & Co. JAS. F. RUSSELL.

SAMUEL BARRER. R. C. HEWETT. Samuel Strong. Wh. H. Adams. Thomas Lewis. Thomas Lewis & Co.

THOMAS LEWIS & CO.
WILLIAM KERNEY,
122 Hudson street, Jersey City, N. J.
TOMPRINS & RUCKEL.
T. E. BROWN,
Des Moines, Iowa.
NOTE.—The above are only a few of the firms
whose interests are the same; but these alone, as
above appended, represent over two millions of
dollars of bonds and certificates in first hands.

DISTRICT FORGERS. The Alleged Conspiracy to Defraud the District, and how it Came About. The case of Richard W. Walters, Guy H. Thompson, Thomas J. Lazenby, Samuel T. Luckatt J. J. Wilmarth and George B. Coburn, arrested by Detectives Sargent and McElfresh upon charges made by Fitzhugh Coyle, Comptroller of the District, of conspiracy to defraud the government, by obtaining payment of a troller of the District, of conspiracy to cerrand the government, by obtaining payment of a claim against the Pistrict, by creams of a fraudulent pay-roil, came up for hearing in the Police Court yesterday, Gen. Terry assisting Assistant District Attorney Evans in the prosecution, and Mesers. A. G. Hiddle, L. G. Hine and Wm. A. Cock, jointly, for the defendants, and Gen. Orittenden for Wilmarth, N. H. Miller for Walters, and John C. Fay for Coburn.

The District Attorney entered a noile pros. in the case of Mr. Coburn. Gen. Terry, for the Government, stating that there was not evidence enough against Mr. Coburn to sustain a charge against him, so he was discharged.

The case was opened by General Terry stating the history of the case as follows: Walters obtained a contract from the Heard of Public Works to park Flith street. In October last he closed his account with the District, through his attorneys, J. C. Lay & Co., and received a certificate in ull, iers the percentage retained by regulations of the board of audit. Through some error in ine office of the board in record appeared to have been made of this settlement. In November last, the fact of his claim still appearing in the office of the board of audit, Walters proceeded to make out a pay-roll for dive persons parporting to be laborers, with powers of attorney to Guy H. Thompson, J. J. Wilmarth and Samuel J. Luckett, and executed belive Thomas J. Lazenby, notary public.

This pay-roll, with certificate of board of audit

eit, and executed before Thomas J. Laxenby, notary public.
This pay-foll, with certificate of board of audit and power of attorney, was presented to District Auditor Vincent, who issued warrants for the payment of the claim. These warrants were deposited in the People's Savings Bank, indorsed by George H. Thompson; and subsequently he (Thompson) drew checks to the amount of the warrants. These warrants were indorsed by Gen. Balloch, of the People's Savings Bank, presented at the United States Tressury, and the money received by him for the bank. Gen. Terry stated that the Government expected to prove that Walters had already received payment in full for his claims for contract, less \$271 reversion; that this certificate and pay-roll were traudulent; that the certificate and pay-roll were translution; that the persons whose names appeared on the pay-roll and on the power of attorney as laborers elaming pay could not be found, and that no such persons

pay could not be found, and that no suon persons exist.

The first witness for the Government, John Vincent, auditor of the District, recognized the certificates of audit and warrants for the payments as genuine and regular, and made in the usual manner from official evidence of indebtedness. Cross-erasination elicited nothing further. He knew of no prior claim or paymoni, as the books of the office were not in his postession, and he had no occasion to examine into the genuineness of the certificate of audit upon which he had issued the wayrants.

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The next witness, Mr. Noyes, of the firm of J. C. Lay & Co., testified that on the sit of October last the firm drew the full amount of Waiter's claim for work done under his contract, less a certain per cent. reserved for repairs, which amount he, Noyes, paid over to Waiters at once; that he knew nothing of this certificate presented and identified by Mr. Vincent.

Mr. Vale, elerk to the board of audit, testified that Waiters' account was settled in October, and raid in full less SCI reserve.

On cross-examination stated that his information was derived from the books of the accountant. Robert B. Gill was employed in the office of the board of audit; left office less the terrificate of indebtedness in favor of Waiters; saw Waiters and Thompson make out the pay-roil and powers of attorney, and saw them attested by Lazeuby.

On cross-examination stated that he introduced Waiters and Thompson, so that Thompson could prevent the claim of Waiters.

F. M. Drany testified that he was a partner with Waiters in the Flith-street contract; that in October Waiters made a settlement in fail of his account for work in the contract; that he (Drany) was time-keeper, and paid all the laterers, and that no such persons as those whose names appear on the pay-roil presented in court had at any time been employed by him or Waiters on the work.

The court here adjourned the case till 1 o'clock

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MERCHANIS' NATIONAL BANK. The Defunct Institution in the Baltimore

Courts. The Baltimore American of yesterday says: "The case of J. W. Magruder, receiver of the Merchants' National Bank of Washington, D. C., vs. Frederick Colston, William Archer, Robert Archer and W. B. Wilson, is one of some financial importance, and is likely to attract a good deal importance, and is likely to attract a good deal of attention. The bank is defunct, and she first receiver, James C. Kennedy, is dead. The action, begun yesterday in the Superior Court, is for \$6,000 against defendants as stockholders of the rad Morchants' National Bank, under provisions of the national banking, not making stockholders Hable to excitorate the amount of their stock. The defence is First, that the bank never was legally organized; second, that defendants only held stock as collateral security; third, that the stock was transferred by defendants to some one cless prior to the failure of the bank."

TARE CARE OF TOUR VALUABLES. Call and examine the fire and burglas proof raults of the Safe Deposit Company, corner of New York svenue and Fifteenth street, for safe keeping of securities, jowels, silver-ware, or other valuables. Bents, from ten to sixty deliars per annum, according to size. No business man can affort to do without them.

Takewerning from the Chicago and Boston fires AMUSEMENTS.

Ford's Opera House-Mr. Charles Pope. The third representation of "Samson," last night, at Ford's opera-house, was keenly enjoyed by a fine audience. The splendid abilities of Mr. Pope as a tragedian, as one capable of a thorough and complete assumption of any role he un-dertakes, is now candidly appreciated by the in-telligent patrons of legitimate drams. There are telligent patrons of legitimate drams. There are those foolish enough, in regarding the patronnge the leg drams receives, to argue from it a degeneracy of the stage. Such is not the truth. It still has its great lights, its ornaments, its pillars. It costs but a moment to recall the names of Janauschek, Ristori and Piamouli; of Bowers. Thompson, Nellson and Gertrude Rellogg; of McCullough, Adams, Booth and Davenport; of McCullough, Adams, Booth and Davenport; of Jefferson, Owens, Wallack and Sothern; of the great Italian, Salvini, and his true American prototype, Pope, and then the proof is abundant that in no age and in no country was histrionic art better represented than now. Washington has ever been the gravayard of medicerity, but in its acknowledgment of power and ganus it is most generous.

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It is for this reason that Mr. Pope's dramatic visit is regarded with so much favor. Here his reputation is established as the first of American tragedians; here he takes his crown as the Ameri-can king of tragedy. To-night Schiller's grand play of "The Robbers" will be performed at Ford's, with Mr. Pope as Charles De Moor. Sat-urday a "Samson" vespertine. The Philosophy of Mirth.

Notwithstanding the storm, a large audience assembled at the Congregational church last evelng to listen to, or rather to see, Frank Beard, the caricaturist, illustrate the "Philosophy of Mirth." As was expected, the lecture was but a thread, quite thickly strung with witticisms, however, on which to hang the crayon picture which constitute the artist's true language. As these stood forth, after a few rapid strokes, brightened by brilliant colors, a miscellanous gallery, comprising the mischievous urchin, orying baby, Bridget, fat man and pig, Chinaman, big Injun, Beecher paddling his own cance, Gen. Grant, &c., each with some humorous peculiarity, the applause and mirth of the audience testified to the success of the delineation. Mr. Beard will speak to the normal class of Sunday School teachers, at Lincoln Hall, at \$ p. m.: "Through the Eye to the Heart; or, Parables in Chalk;" and on Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., will talk and chalk to the children, to whom a general invitation is extended. which constitute the artist's true language. As

We Reap What We Sow. A large and intelligent audience were very agreeably entertained by H. Clay Preuss last evening, at the residence of M. F. Morris, 717 Twelfth street, by the reading of an original play, entitled "We Reap What We Sow." We are in doubt , whether to term this a stock or star play, for the reason that while it contains no one play, for the reason that while it contains no one leading "star" character, yet any one of at least four of them justly deserves the appellation of star. The play is not only exceedingly interesting in the plot, but abounds with remarkable sentiments expressed in finished and elegant diction. Two of the characters, "Lilly" and "Old Sal," are original. A very noticeable feature in the readings was Mr. Preuss' remarkable transitions of voice and characters. We trust that the Washington public will have an opportunity afforded them of seeing this production of their feilow-townsman produced upon the stage.

Will Carleton's Lecture.

Will Carleton's Lecture. The stormy weather last evening detained a large number who would otherwise have been present to hear the famous author of "Betsy and I are out." There was, however, a larger audience than might have been 'expected on such a night, and we think we can safely say that there was not one in the house who would not brave a was not one in the house who would not brave a storm ten times as severe to experience the same pleasure again. The "Golden Horse" is certainly one of the most original and entertaining lectures we have ever had the pleasure of listeaing to, and Will Carleton is bound to be no less famous as a lecturer then an author. We hope that Mr. Carleton will not leave Washington until he has given us another opportunity of hearing him, when we have no doubt the house will be packed to its utmost canacity.

to its utmost capacity. Reserved Seats. For a long time we've steadily battled against the woeful mismansgement of charging an extra quarter or half for reserved seats. There isn't a sign of an argument in its favor. If a person goes o the trouble of securing a reserved seat he rught not to be charged extra for it. For illustration: Some fair morning a hundred people buy reserved seats for a performance. Is the evening it rains, but having bought their seats they use them; whereas if they had not bought them not one of the one hundred would turn out. The management has the morey, can make sure calculations as to receipts, and yet wants to be paid twenty, dive cents on the dollar for carry. sure calculations as to receipts, and yet wants to be paid twenty-five cents on the dollar for carry-ing it a few hours. It is a practice that does ten times as much barm to theatrical manage-ment, in the long run, as it does good. Reform it, altogether, gentlemen.

Shakspeare Club. This association, which is as well known for its efforts in behalf of charities as it is for the excellence and quality of its entertainments, has obtained, through the generosity of Mr. Cake, of Willard's hotel, the use of Willard's hall on the night of February 5, when it proposes to give an exhibition of "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" for the benefit of the suffering poor of the District. A pleasing farce will also be presented by the members of the club. It will be recollected that this organization raised several hundred dollars for the sufferers from yellow fever at Memphis last

year by similar means. Tickets \$1. Our Great Mistake. This is the title of the lecture Mrs. Mary E. Le Fevre delivers at Lincoln hall next Monday evening. Mrs. Le Fevre belongs to the ranking so-ciety of New York city. She is a lady of great wealth, of elegant presence, and of thorough in-formation. She is an English lady, and achieved, before coming to America to live, a most enviable reputation as a platform speaker. Mrs. Le Fevre has from the press of many cities decided and brilliant indorsements of her learning and eloquence, and we have no doubt but what she will

e cordially welcomed here. National Theatre-Baker and Farron. These Dutch specialists had a very good house indeed at the National last night. The play of "Chris and Lena" is of itself a mass of crude rubbish, but it serves the purposes of the stars, Raker and Farron, who in their line of business are inimitable. They are in the true sense of the word artists of areat ability, and whose power to entertain an audience is proved by constant and genuine applianse. They repeat the play tonight, and will introduce all their butch dances and barmonies, which are truly pleasant and cantivating.

The New Lady Macbeth. It is more than probable that theatre-goers is Washington will have the pleasure ere long of Washington will have the pleasure ere long of witnessing the debut of a new Lady Macbeth. The lady is a native-born American, and though young has achieved in fields of business and journalism a world-wide reputation. A natural proclivity for the stage impels her to try her fortunes thereon, and as she anows no such word as fall we can only predictive her a success. At present she is a guest at Willard's.

Will Carleton. The patrons of the Star course were most ole-gantly entertained last night at Lincoln hall by will Carleton—a writer in poetry and prose dear to the pride of every American heart. His audience was not only charmed by an effective and graceful delivery, by the wit, sparkle and beauty of the lines delivered, but by the sound instruction contained within each period. Mr. Carleton added largely to his fame as a poet, scholar and lecturer last night, and gave dignity to the Star course. Charlotte Cushman.

to the Star course. Next Friday evening, at the Congregational church, a testimonial of the gaffection and pride of the American people in the name of Charlotte of the American people in the name of Charlotte Cushman will be extended to that eminent lady, In response to a distinguished call, Miss Cushman will read from Shakspeare and the poets. She will be assisted by Prof. Walter, who will render some choice organ music. Tokets may be obtained at Choate & Co.'s book store.

The New York Sociable. This evening Masonic Temple will be the scene of one of those brilliant receptions for which the New York Association is so noted. The arrangements of the committee are complete for a spleadid reunion of the beauty and talent of the Empire

De Murska. The De Murska troupe, on their way to Richmond and Charleston, will give a farewell conpert at Lincoln hall, on Thursday evening, Feb. cert at Lincoln hast, on Thursday evoling, Feb-ruary 4, when a brilliant programme will be per-formed. The company has been highly success-ful in the West and Canada since they gave their first concert in Washington, which was highly satisfactory and very enthusiastically received.

The Theatre Comique. "Wrestling Joe" is throwing packed houses every night at the Comique into unbounded delight, and the long and entertaining ollo by the specialty artists renders an evening there one of evintinuous pleasure. Gilmore's Band. The attention of the music lovers is directed to

the special information contained in the adver-tisement of the visit of Gilmore's Twenty-second Regiment Band of New York. Colonel Sellers. The sale of seats for the engagement of Mr. John T. Raymond (Colonel Sellers) commences at Ford's opera house this morning.

Southern Correspondence Bureau. A bureau of Southern correspondence has been established in this city by Mr. James P. Cowarate of Richmond, who has as his assistants some din, of Richmond, who has as his assistants some of the most competent journalistic talent, and heing himself a journalist of ability and energy, the bureau will doubtless prove one of our Washierton newspaper institutions. Mr. Cowardin proposes to fursible news pertaining to the people of the Southern section, and thus to supply a want long feit there. The Southern press has, with but few exceptions, been unable since the war to have representatives here, and it is proposed through this means to furnish it with live and interesting news at rates within its reach. On his list are many of the leading Southern journals.

A Model Health Board. The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe telegraphed the following to that journal: "The common concells and health boards of several of the larger cities have sent for addition copies of the late annual report of the Board of Health of Washington, which is now fully recog-nized as a national body, ranking among the most efficient in the executive department of the

The Imperial Hotel Billiard Room. The Imperial Hotel Billiard Room.

Col. James A. Pearce, the popular and enterprising proprietor of the Imperial hotel, is constantly studying the interest of his guests and how best to promote their pleasure and comfort. Among other acquisitions recounty made is that of a billiard room, only and nest, where gouldmen can enjoy this attractive rame to their heart's content. In it he has placed a carom and pool table, which are now being freely patron ized.

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS. (Continued from First Page.)

ruled that an error of the Clerk must stand as the action of the House, and could not be corrected.

The CHAIR said this was not the proper time to make the correction; the Journal could be corto make the correction; the Journal could be corrected to morrow.

Mr. E. R. HOAR said: Suppose the vote on adjournment was to be decided by the vote of this
member, and it was known to all that he was not
present, would it not be in the power of the body
to have an error of the Clerk corrected at 'he
the present time?

The SFEAKER, (Mr. BLAINE,) from the floor,
said that there were not two points to the controversy. The evidence was all on one side. The
allegation was made by several that the mamber was not here, and no one asserted that he
was.

Was.

The CHAIR then asked if any gentleman asserted that Mr. GARFIELD had been present and voted. If not he would order the name struck off.

No one answering, the correction was made, and the vote was announced as above, Fillibustering was again resumed.
[At 4 o'clock the House was still in session.]

8. F. T. P. O. C. T. A. Annual Meeting of the Society-Election of

Officers. The annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held last even-ing, in the lecture room of the Young Men's Christian Association building: Mr. Theodore F. Gatchel (president) in the chair, and Mr. W. C.

Duvall secretary.

The president presented his fourth annual re-The president presented his fourth annual report, in which he states that he is glad to say that public sentiment has grown strong in the society's favor, and that the fruits of their labors are more strougly evidenced by the lack of those instances of wanton crueity which were so common at first. With some exceptions those having charge of stock in the District have become hopefully impressed with the humane purposes of a desire to conform to the spirit of its objects and requirements. The usefulness of the society must not be judged by the frequency of arcests that are made. The fact that the number of cases brought before the courts have decreased without any relaxation of vigilance on the society's part affords the best evidence that it is growing in usefulness, and is having a large influence on the public morals. He had endeavored, as far as possible, to use moral suaston whenever the same in his judgment would be productive of as high degree of good or fully accomplish the end sought.

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There are some abuses still existing which the present law does not sufficiently cover, but which, it is hoped, will soon be corrected. The most heartless cases of cruelty now in the city seem to be those of worn-out, sick and abandoned herses. These cases, for some reason, seem to be on the increase, and frequent arrests have been made and fines imposed therefor. He thinks the cause attributable to glanders, which is a contagious, loathsome and tatal disease to horses, and even men. He has discovered several animals recently that have been turned out by their inhuman owners, and not only allowed to suffer from exposure and starvation, but to spread the disease among other animals. A horse simply afficied with glanders does not come under the jurisdiction of the society unless the animal is found to be neglected or unnecessarily saffering. It ought to be treated as a sanitary measure and he had called the attention of the Board of Health to that fact. The bagging of cows, an inhuman and once very common practice among cow dealers, has become less frequent, and it is hoped that during the coming spring efforts will be made to break up the cruel practice in this District. The term "bagging cows" consists in retaining for an unmatural time the milk in the bag of the cow, causing, at times, exeruciating pain to the animal. It is practiced by daalers who bring a large bag to impress the buyer with the belief that the cow can give large quantities of milk and thus bring a higher price than it otherwise would. To conceal this cruel not, and to better deceive the buyer, the call it allowed seeming liberty to suckie, but is effectually prevented by fine wire being tied around its tongue.

It requires close observation to discover the cause of the inability of the calf to suckie, Aside from this cruel practice of bagging, it is highly objectionable in a sanitary point of view; the milk from the animal, after it has been subjected to such treatment, is offensive and

comparison, that the treatment and condition of the stock on the roads in this city is far above the comparison, that the treatment and condition of the stock on the roads in this city is far above the average of the cities named.

He visited two pigeon-shooting matches last summer, with a view of ascertaining the nature and extent of the cruelty, but the parties declined to shoot either time, and he had not heard of a march in the District since.

The secretary report shows that the following arrests have been made since the organization of the society: For cruelly whipping and abusing animals, 76; for overloading animals, 16; for working animals when unfit for work, 45; for abandoning animals, 85; for overloading animals, 16; for working animals, 86; for overloading animals, 16; for social side of the society: For cruelly whipping and abusing normals, 85; for overloading proper care and shelter, 36; for stoning birds, 2; total, 248.

Mr. A. S. Solomons, treasurer. submitted his report, which shows receipts, 8315,50; disbursonents, \$238,30; balance on hand, \$63,20. All of the reports were received and adopted. Messra, G. G. Baker, P. T. Keene, U. C. Burr, W. A. Henderson, W. E. Chandler, J. W. Thompson, Thomas L. Hume, W. S. Milchell, H. A. Willard, J. E. Carpenter, H. O. Hall, P. H. Smith, J. S. Ewing, C. Berlin, H. O. Noyes and Mr. Merwin were elected members. The society

J. S. Ewing, C. Berlin, H. O. Noyes and Mr. Merwin were elected members. The society unanimously passed a vote of thanks to the presi-dent, Mr. Gatchel, for his efforts in behalf of the ation and his humanity to dumb animals in association and his humanity to dumb animals in protecting them from cruelty.

An election was then entered into for officers for the ensuing year, and the following chosen: Theodore F. Gatchel, president, (unanimously re-elected;) rice presidents, Hon. N. P. Chipman, R. C. Fox, Dr. Gideon, S. Palmer, Prof. Thomas Taylor and J. C. Smith: secretary, W. C. Duvall; treasurer, Mr. A. S. Solomons: executive committee, Mesers, Alonzo Bell, Allison Natior, Jr.; T. C. Grey, W. B. Reed, H. H. Talmadge, J. H. King, J. P. Willett, Frank Rives and Josiah Bellews.

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NEIGHBORLY COURTESIES. The Wrong Pig by the Ear-Jelly Salve. Jaky Watts and Benny Richards were sitting the dark in Wetts' kitchen the other night. racking blokery nuts and telling one another now good their respective fathers were. Jaky heard his father's step up stairs and suddenly be

cracking blokory nats and telling one another how good their respective fathers were. Jaky heard his father's step up stairs and suddenly became silent. Mr. Watts had thrown out a hint at the dinner table that he would tend to Jaky when he came home for tying his little sister up in a bag. When Jaky heard the eid gantleman's steps approaching the kitchen stairs, he said: "Benny, something makes me feel as if I had forgotten to shut the back gate. I'll be back in a minute." and hurried out of the door.

Mr. Watts came down into the kitchen shaking with suppressed rage, and seeing a lone figure sitting in the dim light of the fire, he grabbed it by the ear and raised it out of the chair. Benny set up a terrible howling. Mr. Watts waitzed him around the room, jerking out such remarks as "I'll teach you to perpetrate such things in my house; you thought you'd maltreat your little sister, did you? I suppose you'll want to pat me into a bag next." The Richards boy set up a prolenged how!, interrupted occasionally by a quick "ouch," and a vigorous effort to cover some tender spot with his hands. Mr. Watts gave him a final wrench and along him up against the table, with the chservation that he guessed he wouldn't forget this right away. Benny rushed out of the house sniffling and uttering all norts of threats against Watts. Jakey stopped him in the yard and, with an expression of open-mouthed wonder, exclaimed: "Why, Benny, what in the world is the matter! Do you feel sick?" Benny didn't stop to explain, but snaked ever the fonce and home, dropping a bad word or a sobat every step. Jaky looked very meek as he came into the house rubbing his legs and showing a disposition to run at every motion his father made, and looked exactly as if he had been whipped. Mrs. Richards called the next day in a high state of indignation. She took up her quarters in the basement hall, with her Benny under her arm, and told the Watts folks just what she thought of them. She became highly inflamed as tender infant. Then she danced away wit

ENIGHTS OF PYTHIA'S. Election of Officers. The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias was held at its hall, corner of Ninth and D streets northwest, on Tuesday even-

ing; Chanceller Coldwell presiding.

The report of the Grand Chanceller was read the report of the Grand Chancellor was read, giving an account of his stewardship during the past year. The Order numbers about 1,000 in the District. During the past six months is members have been lest from death. More money has been paid for relief to members and members' families during that time than in any previous period, and the financial status of the Order was newr in a better condition. Many important decisions during the last year have been rendered by the Grand Chancellor, all of which were unanimously approved. Important recommendations were made to the Grand Ledge, which were adopted. The Grand Keeper of Records and Scals and Grand Master of Exchequer presented their reports, which were very gratifying.

The officers elect for the entuing term are: P. G. O. J. T. Coldwell, G. V. P., P. C. A. J. Gunnius, G. C.; P. C. J. M. Gassaway, V. G. C.; P. G. G. Richard Goodhart, G. K. of R. and S. P. O. Wm. H. Hines, G. M. of E. Trustose-P. G. O. Robert Haydon, P. C. P. Peyser, P. U. R. R. Brown.

The following are the representatives to the Supreme Lodge, which meets in Washington, D. C., in May next: P. G. O. G. L. Foxwell, two years; P. S. C. Hugh Divine, holding over.

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